

## GAY PARTY HURLED TO INSTANT DEATH

Automobile Kills Four at Colorado Springs Today.

## THREE OTHERS BADLY HURT

Racing Machine Ran Away on a Steep Grade.

## VICTIMS WERE BADLY MANGLED

All Were Prominent Elks and Had Been Celebrating—Machine Overcrowded.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., September 17.—A powerful racing automobile occupied by seven prominent Elks and a chauffeur and built to hold but three passengers, while running at a terrific rate crashed into a telephone pole at the bottom of the West Hurlford street hill here early today and was wrecked. Three of the occupants were killed outright, a fourth was fatally injured and died later, and the others were more or less seriously hurt. The bodies of the dead were mangled almost beyond recognition.

The dead: W. H. Ralston, a dealer in electrical supplies; H. Winal, John S. Grey, formerly of New York, and James English.

The injured: George Buckley, F. H. Ward and A. W. Markscheffel.

## Machine Ran Away.

The men were returning from the Elks' clubhouse at Manitou in a six cylinder, forty-horse power racing machine. The car, with its merry, jostling passengers crowded into the two seats and on the steps, plunged at a terrific clip down the hill.

Markscheffel, who was driving, in some manner lost control of the wheel, and the powerful machine, swerving from the side of the road, ran into the gutter. For fully fifty feet the heavy car plunged onward, the right front wheel striking some object and the machine turning around as it went. The car was of about forty-five feet down the hill.

All Skulls Fractured.  
The car probably would have been whirled down the hill for a still greater distance but for a telephone pole which barred the way, and it was this pole that probably caused the death of two and possibly three of the victims. Grey was hurled out of the car and landed against the telephone pole. The left side of his face was flattened and his skull was laid open, the impact tearing the top of his head almost in two. Ralston evidently was thrown against the pole or against the board fence on the left side of the walk. His skull was fractured, as was that of Winal, who was hurled fifty feet.

## BURDEN ON THE SHIPPER.

I. C. Commission's Recent Ruling on Rate Issue.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BOSTON, Mass., September 17.—An interpretation of a recent ruling by the Interstate Commerce commission has just been made by that body to the effect that the burden is on the shipper to establish the legality of the shipping rates quoted to him by a railroad official, and that if either the shipper knowingly accepts or a railroad knowingly grants a rate lower than the published one, the action is a violation of the law and subject to penalty.

This interpretation has been made plain by a letter of E. A. Moseley, secretary of the commission, to E. H. Walcott, secretary of the Boston Merchants' Association.

A short time ago Mr. Walcott, on behalf of the association, wrote the Interstate Commerce commission asking an explanation of their ruling, as it had occasioned much misunderstanding among Boston shippers as to whether they could rely upon the rates quoted them by freight agents or billing clerks.

The answer puts it up to the shippers to see that they are paying the right rates, the decision is regarded as very important in the movement to put a stop to railroad rebating, as it makes the prosecution a less difficult matter.

## TO DISCUSS CITY PROBLEMS.

League of American Municipalities Meets at Norfolk Tomorrow.

NORFOLK, September 17.—Many delegates arrived today for the opening tomorrow of the League of American Municipalities. Among the early arrivals were a large number of delegates from the city of Norfolk, who declared themselves as much interested in municipal ownership of public utilities as ever and who did not deny that they may again be a candidate for mayor of Norfolk on this platform.

"Municipal ownership is bound to come," he declared, "and it will not be so far distant, either."

Harry Mahood of Baltimore is among the candidates for president of the league.

## LUSITANIA'S BIG SISTER.

Mauretania Starts Today on Her Builder's Trial.

SHELDON, England, September 17.—The Cunard Line steamer Mauretania, sister ship of the Lusitania, and the largest vessel ever built on the Tyne, left her moorings in the River Tyne this morning and started on her preliminary sea trials, which will last three days.

Immense local interest was manifested in the new liner's departure. All the available space overlooking the Tyne, from Walsend to the mouth of the stream, was occupied by spectators, while many thousands accompanied the non-stop steamship down the river on board of excursion boats, yachts and tugs, and gave her hearty cheers as she passed out clear of the Tyne and into the North Sea.

The present trip of the Mauretania is what is known as the "builders' trial," and the Cunard Line steamer Mauretania, sister ship of the Lusitania, and the largest vessel ever built on the Tyne, left her moorings in the River Tyne this morning and started on her preliminary sea trials, which will last three days.

She is three feet longer than the other giant Cunarder.

## FLARE-BACK KILLS 27

Dreadful Accident on a Japanese Battleship.

## DETAILS NOT PUBLISHED

Like the Turret Accidents on American Ships.

## WAS EITHER CHARGE OR SHELL

Happened to the Ten-Inch Gun—Investigation Is Now Being Made by Officials.

TOKIO, September 17.—Forty of the crew were killed and injured on board the Japanese battleship Kashima by the explosion of a 12-inch shell within the shield after target practice near Kure at 4 p.m. on September 9. The Kashima, under command of Capt. Kozumi, reached Kure at 8 p.m., where the wounded were placed in the hospital. The fatalities included a lieutenant, two cadets and one staff officer, the rank and name of whom is not given.

The exact details regarding the effects of the explosion are lacking, but it was terrific, and the ship is badly damaged.

The explosion followed an attempt to remove an unexploded shell from the gun. A majority of the bystanders were fearfully mutilated.

The casualties reported as the result of the explosion are as follows:

Killed: Five officers (names not given) and twenty-two men.

Severely wounded: Two officers and six men.

Slightly wounded: Two officers and six men.

## Same Old Flare-Back.

The cause of the explosion is under investigation. It occurred inside of the shield of the starboard after 10-inch gun.

It is not thought the shell exploded, but powder, which evidently caught fire from the gas emitted from the breech when opened for the purpose of reloading the gun.

The hull of the Kashima is not damaged.

The Kashima is a ship of 16,400 tons, and was built in England in 1905. She carries four 12-inch and four 10-inch guns, 12-inch torpedoes and the 10-inch gun in barbette. Her complement is 930 men.

## FLOOD FOLLOWED FIRE.

Burning and Drowning About a Japanese Mine.

TOKIO, September 17.—Thirty persons were drowned and one hundred houses were burned early this morning at the Kosakabi mine, near Kotaro. The fire started in the mining works, and while attempts were being made to save the mine the water reservoir was broken, flooding a portion of the village. Many women and children were among the victims.

## MCKINLEY MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

Meeting Held at Canton Today—Official Program for Dedication.

CANTON, Ohio, September 17.—A meeting of the McKinley National Memorial Trustees was held here today, attended by Vice President Fairbanks, Secretary Cortelyou, ex-Gov. Herrick, Charles G. Dawes, Franklin Murphy, Justice Day and Judge Henry W. Hart. The purpose of the meeting was to approve a program for dedication September 30. The official program will not be announced in detail, however, for a few days.

It was announced that arrangements had been completed whereby President Roosevelt, upon his arrival here September 30, will be taken direct from his train to the Central High School, where the public and paraded school children are to be massed, and sing "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner." The President will deliver an address to the children.

## REFORMS IN HOLLAND.

Queen Opens Netherlands States General With Speech.

THE HAGUE, September 17.—The Netherlands states general was reopened today. Queen Wilhelmina in a speech from the throne expressed a keen desire for the success of the peace conference, the important work of which she was following with especial interest.

Her majesty announced the early introduction of bills providing for the amendment of the constitution, reform of the electoral law, strengthening of the coast defense, the strengthening of Zuyder Zee, workmen's insurance and a system of mass inspection.

## HE IS FOR BRYAN.

Joseph Daniels Tells Why He Is the Strongest Candidate.

Mr. Joseph Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, one of the militant democratic politicians of the south and national committeeman for North Carolina, passed through town today, stopping over for the forenoon.

"Who is your choice for democratic candidate for President?" Mr. Daniels was asked by a Star man.

"Well," he replied, "I am very much like the old fellow back in the mountains of Kentucky who cast his first vote for Henry Clay and has been voting for him ever since. I am for Bryan, and will keep on being for him. He will be elected some day, and when he does get in he will do the things that we want done."

"In the meantime, while he is out, his example and influence works for good, and he is making the republicans do things they would not otherwise have done if he had not stirred them up. I am for him for another reason, and that is that the democrats are for him. He is stronger in Georgia than Hoke Smith; stronger in Texas than Culberson; stronger in Virginia than Daniel and stronger in Mississippi than John Sharp Williams."

## Escaped With Only a Broken Ankle.

CHICAGO, September 17.—While speeding toward South Bend, Ind., where she was to enter St. Mary's School, Miss Constance Hyman, seventeen years old, was yesterday seized with an uncontrollable desire to jump from the automobile in which she was riding. She was brought back to her home, 670 48th place, last night, and she will be kept to her bed for several weeks with a broken ankle.



HOME AGAIN.

## LEHIGH VALLEY WRECK

TRAINMEN AND PASSENGERS HURT IN TUNNEL NEAR EASTON.

EASTON, Pa., September 17.—A fast Lehigh Valley express train from Buffalo for New York was wrecked early today at the entrance to the tunnel under the Musconetcong mountain in New Jersey, thirteen miles east of this city, and three trainmen and several passengers were injured, one of the trainmen fatally. The seriously injured are:

Herbert Godley of Easton, engineer, face and arms cut and bruised.

Lester Husted, Glendon, fireman, badly mangled; will die.

William Wileand, Easton, baggage master, arm crushed; nearly died of shock.

## Caused by Broken Rail.

All the injured passengers were taken to New York, and neither names nor extent of their injuries are known here. One passenger's throat was cut by broken glass, and a woman sustained a dislocated shoulder. Local physicians, who were at the scene of the wreck, say they sewed up a number of wounds sustained by passengers.

The wreck was caused by a broken rail, the locomotive leaving the tracks and plunging into the side of the mountain. The impact was terrific and all the passengers received a severe shaking up. The engineer stuck to his post, and the fireman received his injuries by jumping.

## MAY SIGN PROTOCOL TODAY.

Central American Conference to Be Held Here in November.

Members of the Central American diplomatic corps who have been holding sessions here to arrange for a permanent peace conference to settle difficulties arising between the various states in Central America, expect to sign a protocol today. This protocol will provide for a conference to be held in Washington early in November, and for the continuance of peace pending a final agreement. The protocol will name the number of delegates to be named by each country.

The State Department has been informed that Senor Gaitanos, the Salvadorean minister to Costa Rica, will be one of the delegates from Salvador. It is expected that all of the Central American ministers will be named as delegates, but Salvador is the only country that has thus far taken action in naming additional representatives. The Navy Department has tendered the use of the cruiser Albatross to convey Senor Gaitanos from Costa Rica to Salvador.

## RETAIL DRUGGISTS MEET.

Ninth Annual Convention Opened at Chicago Last Night.

CHICAGO, September 17.—The ninth annual convention of the National Association of Retail Druggists opened here last night. The convention was opened by a conference to President Schneider's office. After a brief conference the consul took his leave, with many smiles and protestations of esteem, returned to his office and indicated a cablegram to his government.

No Discrimination There.

"I told them," he said later, "that the Chicago schools practice no discrimination whatever as to color. The situation is entirely clear and the matter is now a closed incident."

The three Japanese referred to, together with five other students, all over twenty-one, applied for admission to the schools at the last meeting of the school board, and were barred temporarily on the protest of several of the trustees and the suggestion that the board may have no legal right to use the school funds for the education of adults. Pending the settlement of the legal question, the matter was deferred until the next meeting of the board, September 23.

## Notable Cricket Match Today.

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## NOTICE.

The price of this paper at NEWSSTANDS and from NEWSBOYS is

TWO CENTS.

There has been no change of any kind in the price of the paper to newsboys, and readers should pay no more than the printed price.

## BIG MASONIC BEQUEST

THOMAS PATTEN LEAVES MILLIONS FOR ORPHANAGE.

PHILADELPHIA, September 17.—Under the will of the late Thomas R. Patten of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania, who died recently, his entire estate, valued between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, is devised to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the education and support of male orphans of master Masons. Peter Boyd, an attorney of this city, is made sole executor of the estate.

## HANDLED IT WITH TACT

CHICAGO SCHOOL OFFICIAL DISPOSED OF JAPANESE QUERY.

CHICAGO, September 17.—The "Japanese school situation" appeared in Chicago yesterday, lingered uncertainly for a few hours in the guise of an international complication, and then retired with a smile before the tact of President Otto C. Schneider of the board of education.

Seizaburo Shimizu, Japanese consul in Chicago, received a cable inquiry from the Japanese government at Tokio which directed that the consul make quiet inquiries concerning "the reported barring of three Japanese residents of Chicago from the public schools of the city."

Mr. Shimizu called on Superintendent Cooley, explained his mission diplomatically and was accompanied by the superintendent to President Schneider's office. After a brief conference the consul took his leave, with many smiles and protestations of esteem, returned to his office and indicated a cablegram to his government.

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## FAIRBANKS ON TRUSTS

THINKS CORPORATIONS NEED FEDERAL CONTROL.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., September 17.—Vice President Fairbanks endorsed the Roosevelt policy of railroad and corporation control by the federal government in his speech at the Berrien County Republican Club's second annual dinner here last night. The Vice President also heard himself cheered to the echo as the choice of Berrien county republicans for President of the United States.

Referring to what had been done toward restraining the big railroads and other corporations, Mr. Fairbanks said: "We have been concerned in the consideration of the control of the agencies engaged in the conduct of interstate commerce. We have dealt with them so as to destroy the evil and preserve that which is good in them, and which is essentially the wholesome development of our interstate commerce. We have demonstrated the fact that never should have been disputed, that those agencies which minister unto the public must be the servants and not the masters of the public."

The Vice President was the principal speaker at the dinner, at which 1,100 members of the club were present. He touched upon general topics, the paragraph in regard to the railroads quoted being his only reference to specific issues.

## STRONGER FORT WANTED.

Weakness of the Defenses of Chesapeake Bay Pointed Out.

Interest in the building of an island between Cape Charles and Cape Henry, at the mouth of the Chesapeake bay, will be revived at the coming session of Congress, when an estimate approximating \$2,500,000 for the erection of batteries upon it will be submitted to that body. The proposed fortification of this approach to the bay formed one of the recommendations of what is known as the Taft board, and at the latest session of Congress an effort was made to secure an appropriation for the construction of the proposed fortification and the building of the island. There were legal complications in the way, however, which operated to prevent the necessary legislation. The difficulties, however, have been obviated, and the shoals upon which it is proposed to build the island are now in complete possession of the United States government. They originally belonged to Virginia, but as a result of the necessary treaty with England, they were transferred to the United States.

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## DEMOCRATS IN JERSEY

Their Convention Held in State Capital Today.

## NO MENTION OF W. J. BRYAN

Former Trenton Mayor Slated for the Governorship.

## PEACEFUL SESSION INDICATED

Platform Adopted Recites Party Pledges for Reform—Demands Equal Taxation.

TRENTON, N. J., September 17.—As the great bulk of the delegation to the democratic state convention, which meets today, began to arrive the political atmosphere was cleared, and it soon became apparent that Frank S. Katzenbach, Jr., former mayor of Trenton, will be nominated for governor on the first ballot.

Corporation Counsel James P. Nugent of Newark, who heads the Essex delegation, and who last night gave impetus to the boom of James E. Martin of Union county, today announced his withdrawal of opposition to Katzenbach. This practically settles any doubt as to result, and Essex will join in the nomination of the Trenton man.

The Platform.

The following is the text of the party platform submitted to the convention:

Virtue in state government depends upon and is measured by the integrity of its servants. The reprehensible practices of state officials—retaining and applying public funds to their personal advantage and to the detriment of the state, persistent and chronic failure to discharge official duties, commonly called "absenteeism," occupying dual positions carrying double emoluments, but involving no increased labors, nepotism, the constant multiplications of commissions to discharge similar public functions, the extravagance and wastefulness of the statehouse commission in the construction of public buildings, the non-feasance and gross mismanagement of the managers of state institutions—arbitrary and unqualified denunciation and demand immediate correction, and to this end we favor and bind ourselves to the enactment of laws whereby:

Public funds shall be paid to and disbursed by the treasury of the state. "One state and one purse."

Public moneys shall be interest-bearing in all cases.

Public officials shall give daily attention to the discharge of their duties and shall be permitted to hold but one office.

Public contracts shall be made and supplies purchased upon competitive bidding after due advertisement.

The numerous commissions now having charge of the public water supply, sewage and other matters pertaining to public health shall be abolished, and their powers and duties vested in a reorganized state board.

State boards and commissions exercising kindred functions shall be consolidated.

## For Equal Taxation.